

What is claimed is:

- 1 1. A gasket for sealing duct sections, comprising:
  - 2 a sealing ring having a base portion for receiving an end of an inner duct
  - 3 section or connector to be joined, and a substantially J-shaped cross-
  - 4 section; and
  - 5 a flexible hollow sealing portion of substantially circular cross-sectional shape
  - 6 affixed to said base portion and protruding in a radially outward
  - 7 direction, for engagement with an outer duct section or connector to be
  - 8 joined.
- 1 2. The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion also includes a lip protruding in a radially
- 2 inward direction for engagement with a complimentary groove or depression on said
- 3 inner duct section or connector to be joined.
- 1 3. The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion and said flexible hollow sealing portion
- 2 comprise materials having a different hardness.
- 1 4. The gasket of claim 3, wherein said base portion is harder than said flexible hollow sealing
- 2 portion.
- 1 5. The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or
- 2 unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
- 1 6. The gasket of claim 1, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled or
- 2 unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.
- 1 7. The gasket of claim 2, wherein said base portion and said flexible hollow sealing portion
- 2 comprise materials having a different hardness.
- 1 8. The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is harder than said flexible hollow sealing
- 2 portion.
- 1 9. The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or
- 2 unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.

1 10. The gasket of claim 7, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled  
2 or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.

1 11. The gasket of claim 8, wherein said base portion is removably fitted onto an unrolled or  
2 unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.

1 12. The gasket of claim 8, wherein said base portion is permanently secured onto an unrolled  
2 or unfolded edge of said inner duct section or connector.